

Friends *forecast*

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Night of Worship and Prayer for our Nation, Wednesday, May 2

You are all invited to join us on the eve of the National Day of Prayer to gather in the sanctuary at 7pm for a time of worship and prayer for our nation. This year's theme comes from Ephesians 4:3 which says, *"Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond*

of peace." We are experiencing great division in our nation and so for the sake of gospel and the kingdom of God we need to come together in one voice and pray for America. **All adult studies will be suspended for the night so that all can attend.**

Welcome to Friends Class

SAVE THE DATE – **Saturday, June 9, at 9am** // If you consider yourself a "new attendee," this class is an opportunity to learn more about the church and the larger Evangelical Friends movement. This is one of the steps for those interested in becoming a member at Friends. More details will be coming.

Silver Friends Luncheon

Thursday, May 10, at 11:30am // We will be gathering for lunch at *Famous Dave's* in North Olmsted for a time of fellowship and food. To reserve your spot, call Margie Metz at 440-779-0784. Silver Friends is a ministry of fellowship for our older adults. We gather on the second Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship, and more. During the warmer months we often find a local restaurant. The complete schedule is available at www.noefc.org. For more information contact Pastor Rich.

R.E.A.L. Women

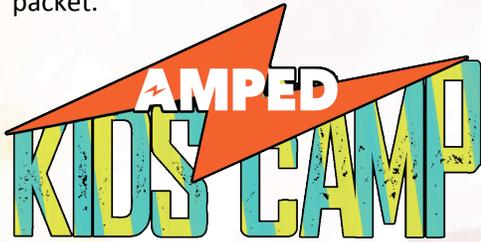
Women of Friends--thanks so much to all who have participated in **REAL Talk!** It's been so nice getting to know each of you, and we're looking forward to making even more connections over the coming months. Again, **REAL Talk** is just an opportunity to get to know other women in an easy, comfortable setting. The facilitator brings up a topic and then we discuss it. We have some note cards ready with a few related scriptures written out and we discuss those a bit as well. The topic is not announced ahead of time as we'd like women to choose to come to these for the relational piece--not the topic choice. It's only an hour and there is no sign up or commitment necessary. Show up if you can--we are just happy to see you.

May dates are:

Friday, 5/4 at 10am
Tuesday, 5/15 at 7pm
Monday, 5/21 at 5pm
Thursday, 5/24 at 6:30pm

Children's Discipleship

Hey parents, don't forget! If your kids are going into 3rd-6th Grade in the 2018-2019 school year, camp registration is open right now! If you missed our meeting a few weeks back, that's fine. You can get in contact with me anytime to pick up a registration packet.



Also, registration for this year's VBS is open right now! Over the course of



THE DEPENDABLES

this supernatural week, kids will seek wisdom from a team of amazing heroes known as "The Dependables," and learn that Jesus is the ultimate superhero, and the One we can always depend on! VBS is June 11-15 from 9am - 12pm each day. Pre-registration for both kids and volunteers is open now, and can be done in person, or online, by visiting the VBS website at www.noefc.org/vbs2018.

Finally, at the end of each summer we have our church picnic, and during

that time we have baptisms for anyone who wishes to participate. If your kids have asked questions or been curious about baptism, as well as other areas of their faith, we have our next set of Children's Discipleship Classes coming up at the end of May! The schedule is as follows:

CDM Classes - May 26
9am - Salvation
10:15am - Baptism
11:00am - Communion

As a reminder, it is required for parents to attend, as well, as these classes will help to equip you to have these conversations at home!

- MR. ADAM!

STAND Youth Group

Mission Trip

STAND Youth Group is gearing up to head to Kenosha, Wisconsin, in just a few months! We are excited to experience what God has for us there as we prepare our hearts to serve the community. Our trip is June 24-29, and during that week we will serve in women's shelters, food kitchens, and homeless shelters alongside other churches from all over the country. This year, 31 teens have committed a week of their summer vacation to serve God's people. Thank you to everyone who is supporting the youth group by praying for our trip or donating to it. We are so grateful for all that God is doing! For all teens going to Kenosha, there is a mission trip meeting on May 27 in the youth room after THRIVE. See ya there!

Youth Sunday

On May 20, AWAKEN and THRIVE will be led by the teens in STAND Youth Group. Come and see their hearts for the Lord as we worship our Creator together. Can't wait to see you there!

Mission Updates

CPC Baby Bottles - We thank everyone who has supported the Cleveland Pregnancy Center through the baby bottle offering earlier this year. If you still have a baby bottle, please return them to the church office as soon as possible because each one not returned is \$1 less given to CPC.

Adult Discipleship

Wednesday AM Growth Group –

Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in room S-4/5. Join us for a 5-week study called "A Clash of Kingdoms" by Ray Vander Laan. As Christians we're called to proclaim God's name in all the earth but how do we do that in the midst of false gospels? We will learn from Paul how to live the message as we explore the city of Philippi. For more information contact Pastor Rich at pastorrich@noefc.org.

Update from the Fains - We are excited to announce that David and Courtney have purchased their tickets to move to Thailand. They will be leaving the United States on May 30. They have enrolled in a language school in Chiang Mai and will be receiving Language Visas that will need to be renewed several times a year, but it will give them an opportunity to immerse themselves in learning the language and the culture. We pray for favor and blessing as they make this exciting transition in their lives.